

WARM UP

What is one of the best jobs you've ever had? Why?

SET IT UP

During his public ministry Jesus drew large crowds. In the mix were two distinct social groups: the religious leaders and the religious failures. Both groups compared themselves to each other and made assumptions. In the Tale of the Two Sons, the outsider is brought in and the insider is left outside. The father goes out to both but only the humble comes home.

CHAT IT UP

1. **Have you ever ridden on a motorcycle? Why or why not?**
2. **If someone called you a “rebel” would you take it as a compliment or a criticism? Why?**
3. **Dan talked about how we can lean toward two ways of life: the rebel or the responsible. Which one is you? How do you know?**
4. **The younger son reveals his view of himself in Luke 15:21. What is it? (Answer: Unworthy, with no chance of real restoration.) Do you know anyone who has this view of themselves?**
5. **The father has a different view of his son in Luke 15:22-24. What is it? (Answer: The father is overjoyed, not annoyed.) Why do you think some people expect God to be mad and not glad to see them “come home”?**
6. **The older son has a viewpoint too. Read Luke 15:28-30. What drives the older son? (Answer: He worked for the father just to get what he wanted.)**
7. **Both sons used the father for their own ends. How do people try to use God?**
8. **“The father’s heart is always bent toward the outsider.” Be honest. What would be hard for you to sacrifice for people far from God?**

WRAP IT UP

God invites every runner to become a family member. Use your words and actions this week to let someone in your life know God’s heart for them.

LEADER TIPS

This is the kind of discussion where the “Second Question” is especially vital. Lean in and ask the follow-up question to help your group members go deeper and apply this truth to their walk with God.